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FOR AMBASSADOR VANCE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR, PA
SUBJECT: PRESIDENT STROESSNER REQUESTS INFORMATION ON RICORD

REF: ASUNCION 4447

1. FONMIN SAPENA PASTOR CALLED ME TO HIS OFFICE NOVEMBER 4 AND OFFICIALLY REQUESTED ANY COMMENT OR INFORMATION USG CAN PROVIDE ON RICORD. HE SAID PRESIDENT STROESSNER WANTS INDICATION OF CURRENT STATUS OF CASE, SPECIFICALLY ANY INFORMATION RICORD MAY HAVE DIVULGED INCRIMINATING PARAGUAYAN RESIDENTS.

2. SAPENA SAID STROESSNER'S REKINDLED INTEREST IN RICORD STEMS FROM HIS OUTRAGE OVER CONTENTS OF QTE CONTRABANDISTA UNQTE (ALSO PUBLISHED UNDER TITLE QTE CORSICAL CONTRACT UNQTE) BY EVERT CLARK AND NICHOLAS HORROCK. STROESSNER HAS JUST READ SPANISH LANGUAGE TRANSLATION AND IS GREATLY DISTURBED OVER MENTION IN BOOK OF NUMEROUS PROMINENT PARAGUAYANS. SAPENA INTIMATED STROESSNER WILL TAKE ACTION AGAINST INDIVIDUALS IF RPT IF USG WILL NOW PROVIDE EVIDENCE.

3. SINCE SENDING REFTEL PRESIDENT STROESSNER
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RAISED THE SAME MATTER WITH ME DURING TWO CASUAL

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MEETINGS LAST WEEK. IT IS OBVIOUS THAT THE BOOK MUST HAVE IMPRESSED HIM GREATLY. PRESIDENT ALSO ASKED ME FOR ADDITIONAL DETAILS ABOUT THE CASE AND WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHEN RICORD WAS SENTENCED, HOW MANY YEARS, HOW LONG HAS HE SERVED, WHEN WILL HE BE RELEASED. IT IS QUITE URGENT THAT I COME ACROSS WITH SOME INFORMATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

4. PLEASE ADVISE.
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